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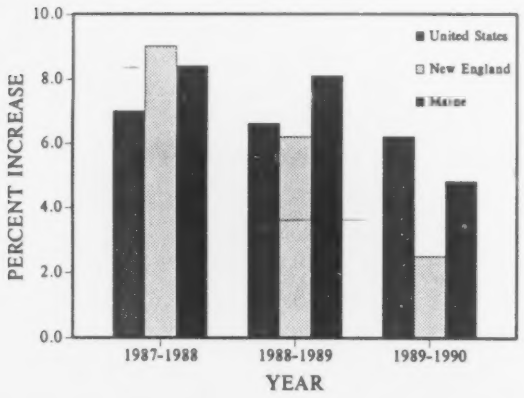
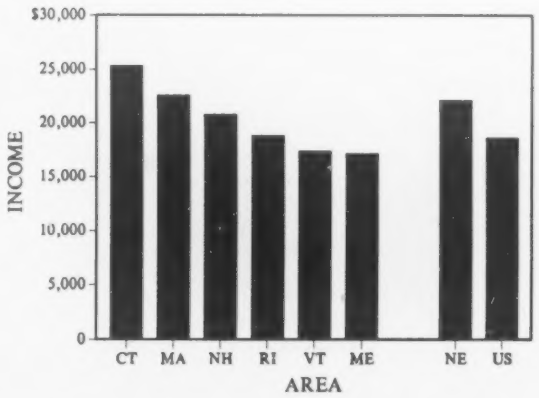
## Per Capita Personal Income Growth Slows in 1990

Growth Rate



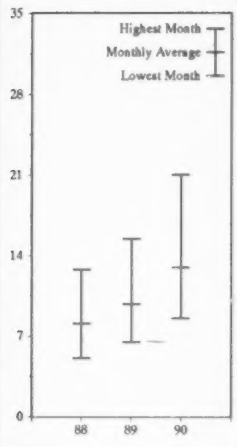

1990 Income



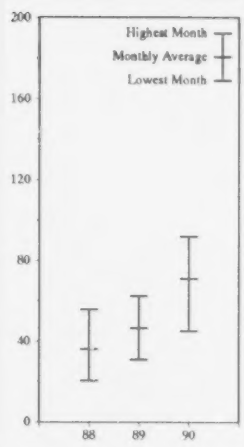

As a result of the economic slowdown, per capita income growth decelerated rapidly between 1987 and 1990 in New England. The rate of income growth also slowed in Maine during this time period, although not as quickly, going from 8.4 percent in 1987-1988 to 4.8 percent in 1989-1990. Of the New England states, the growth rate of 4.8 percent between 1989 and 1990 registered by Maine was second to Vermont at 5.7 percent.

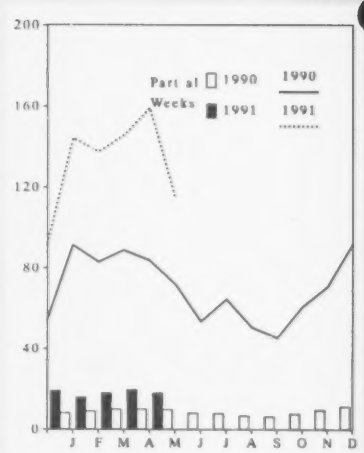
Although Maine recorded the lowest per capita income in New England during 1990 at $17,200, Maine income has risen from 83 percent of the national income in 1980 to 92 percent of the 1990 national estimate of $18,685. Maine per capita income as a percent of national income reached a peak of 93 percent in 1989 before falling slightly in 1990. This fall resulted from national per capita income growing faster than income in Maine during 1990.

## UI Initial Claims
in Thousands

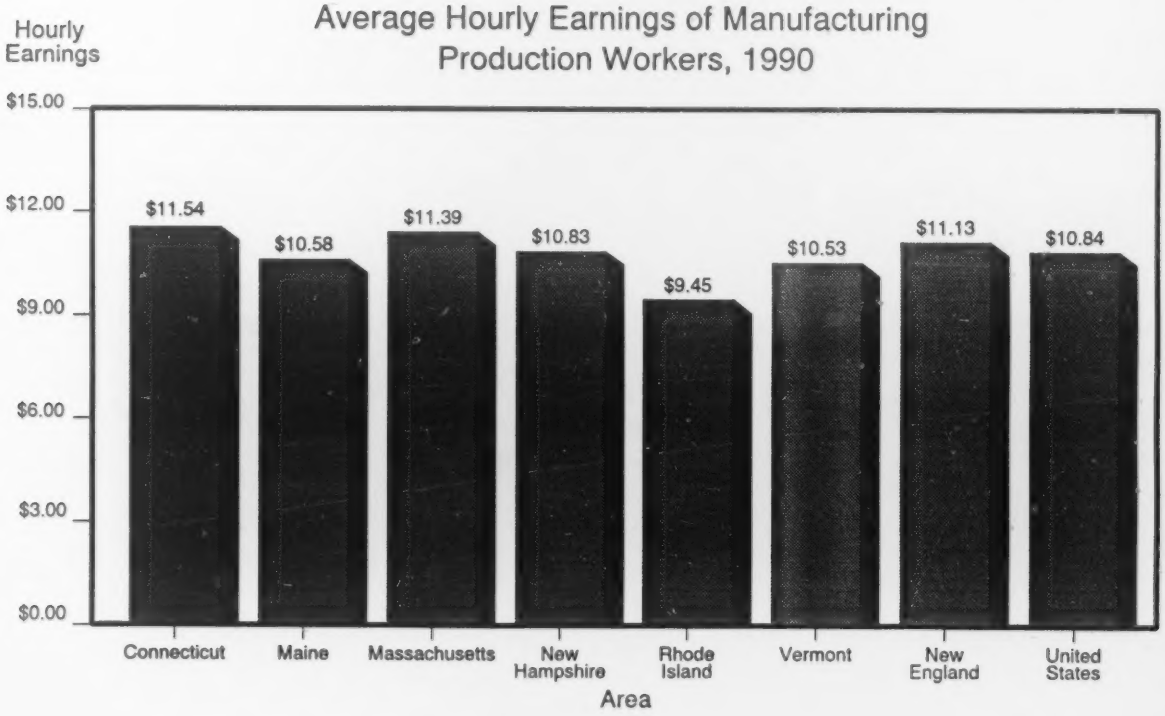


## UI Intrastate Weeks Claimed
in Thousands




## Average Hourly Earnings of Manufacturing Production Workers, 1990



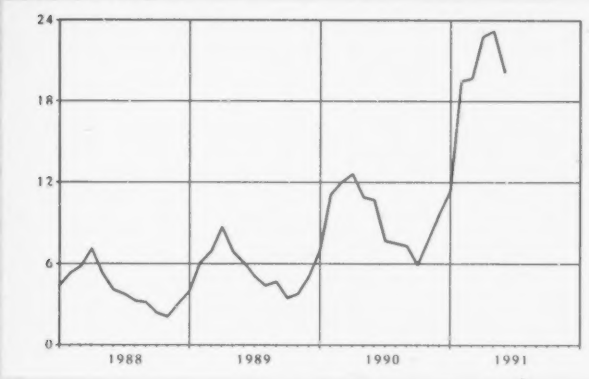
# Selected Employment Security Activities

MAINE JOB SERVICE

## Unemployment Insurance Benefit Payments

In Millions

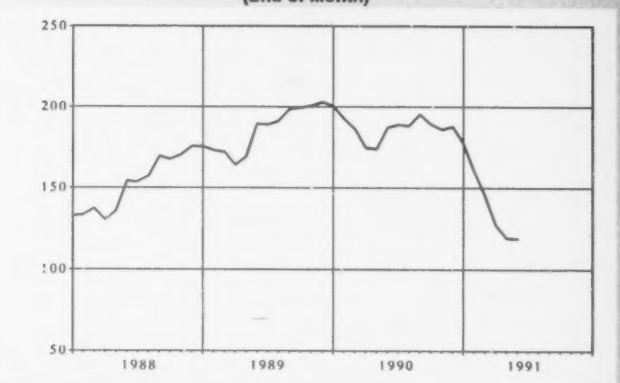
(Total includes Maine's Portion of Extended Benefits)




## Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance

In Millions

(End of Month)




## Earnings and Workweek of Production Workers in Manufacturing Industries

| AREA AND INDUSTRY | AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS | | | AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS | | | AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | | ANNUAL AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 |
| STATEWIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $436.55 | $433.32 | $420.65 | 39.4 | 39.5 | 40.1 | $11.08 | $10.97 | $10.49 | $9.31 | $9.89 | $10.58 |
| Durable Goods | 422.65 | 425.72 | 401.39 | 40.1 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 10.54 | 10.59 | 10.06 | 9.00 | 9.59 | 10.20 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 362.20 | 359.51 | 366.06 | 41.3 | 40.9 | 40.9 | 8.77 | 8.79 | 8.95 | 8.60 | 8.85 | 9.10 |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 417.54 | 420.58 | 400.19 | 41.3 | 41.6 | 41.6 | 10.11 | 10.11 | 9.62 | 8.79 | 9.31 | 9.98 |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment | 522.52 | 533.66 | 480.80 | 42.9 | 43.6 | 41.7 | 12.18 | 12.24 | 11.53 | 9.49 | 11.03 | 11.63 |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment | 378.48 | 376.84 | 350.04 | 38.0 | 37.2 | 36.5 | 9.96 | 10.13 | 9.59 | 8.51 | 9.02 | 9.69 |
| Transportation Equipment | 489.53 | 495.16 | 459.69 | 39.1 | 39.9 | 39.8 | 12.52 | 12.41 | 11.55 | 9.82 | 10.80 | 11.68 |
| Other Durable Goods | 350.24 | 344.73 | 331.66 | 41.4 | 40.7 | 41.2 | 8.46 | 8.47 | 8.05 | 7.43 | 7.80 | 8.11 |
| Nondurable Goods | 447.36 | 439.96 | 437.26 | 38.8 | 38.9 | 40.3 | 11.53 | 11.31 | 10.85 | 9.60 | 10.16 | 10.93 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 335.96 | 311.87 | 318.32 | 37.0 | 35.4 | 36.8 | 9.08 | 8.81 | 8.65 | 7.30 | 8.01 | 8.56 |
| Textile Mill Products | 341.25 | 344.74 | 339.30 | 38.3 | 39.9 | 39.0 | 8.91 | 8.64 | 8.70 | 7.66 | 8.22 | 8.82 |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products | 253.51 | 242.31 | 280.12 | 33.4 | 32.7 | 37.2 | 7.59 | 7.41 | 7.53 | 6.43 | 7.04 | 7.38 |
| Paper and Allied Products | 662.69 | 654.80 | 680.33 | 41.6 | 42.3 | 44.7 | 15.93 | 15.48 | 15.22 | 13.93 | 14.51 | 15.16 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 289.38 | 287.12 | 277.51 | 37.1 | 37.0 | 37.2 | 7.80 | 7.76 | 7.46 | 6.59 | 6.92 | 7.44 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 374.45 | 376.00 | 379.89 | 37.9 | 37.6 | 40.5 | 9.88 | 10.00 | 9.38 | 8.62 | 9.10 | 9.62 |
| PORTLAND MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 384.28 | 389.24 | 407.01 | 37.2 | 37.0 | 38.8 | 10.33 | 10.52 | 10.49 | 9.58 | 10.53 | 10.63 |
| LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 355.85 | 361.90 | 364.57 | 38.1 | 38.5 | 38.6 | 9.34 | 9.40 | 9.16 | 8.08 | 8.50 | 9.26 |

## Female Labor Force in Maine

In Thousands

| ITEM 1/ | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|
| Labor Force | 293.7 | 297.7 | 285.5 |
| Unemployment | 21.4 | 17.0 | 8.6 |
| (Percent) | 7.3% | 5.7% | 3.0% |
| Resident Employed | 272.3 | 280.8 | 276.8 |

## U.S. Consumer Price Index

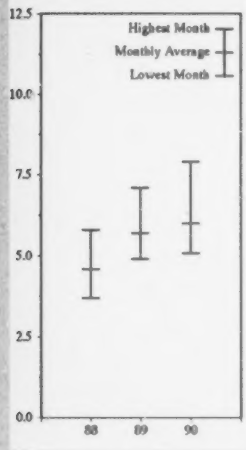
| BASE PERIOD (1982-1984 = 100) All Items (CPI-U) | This Month | Last Month | Year Ago | Last Dec. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 135.6 | 135.2 | 129.2 | 133.8 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Percent Change for Past Month | +0.3% |
| Percent Change from Last December | +1.3% |
| Percent Change from 12 Months Ago | +5.0% |

1/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.
Source: Female labor force estimates are developed by, and solely the responsibility of, the Maine Bureau of Employment Security.

## New Applications For Work

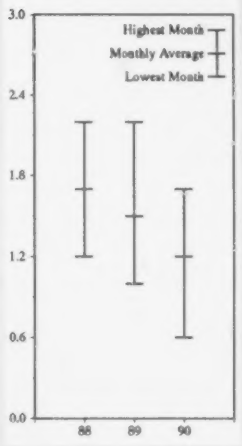
**In Thousands**

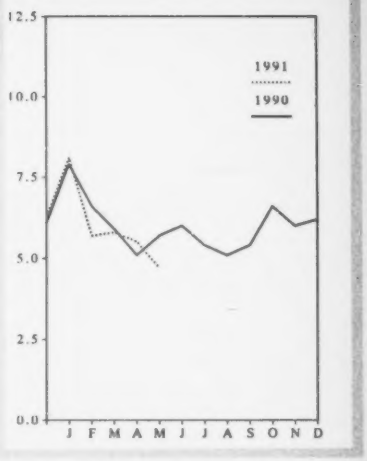


## Nonfarm Placements

**In Thousands**

**(Excludes Placements of Less than Three Days Duration)**




## Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment by Place of Work (in Thousands)

| ITEM | STATEWIDE This Month | STATEWIDE Last Month | STATEWIDE Year Ago | PORTLAND MSA This Month | PORTLAND MSA Last Month | PORTLAND MSA Year Ago | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 1/ | 515.3 | 506.7 | 540.9 | 124.2 | 122.5 | 130.9 | 38.4 | 38.0 | 40.3 |
| Goods Producing | 119.1 | 117.3 | 132.4 | 21.1 | 20.9 | 23.6 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 11.1 |
| Construction and Mining | 24.2 | 22.8 | 30.5 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 6.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 2.0 |
| Building Construction | 7.4 | 7.1 | 9.7 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Special Trade Contractors | 12.8 | 12.4 | 15.7 | 3.9 | 3.5 | 4.6 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Manufacturing | 94.9 | 94.5 | 101.9 | 15.7 | 15.9 | 16.8 | 8.3 | 8.1 | 9.1 |
| Durable Goods | 42.8 | 43.2 | 47.1 | 7.0 | 7.2 | 8.2 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Lumber and Wood Products | 9.4 | 9.5 | 10.2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Primary and Fabricated Metals | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.5 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Industrial Machinery and Equipment | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.0 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Electronic and Other Electric Equipment | 7.5 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.9 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Transportation Equipment | 14.1 | 14.5 | 15.4 | (d) | (d) | (d) | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Other Durable Goods 2/ | 4.3 | 4.1 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 3.0 | 3.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Nondurable Goods | 52.1 | 51.3 | 54.8 | 8.7 | 8.7 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Food and Kindred Products | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.8 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Textile Mill Products | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.8 | (d) | (d) | (d) | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Apparel and Other Textile Products | 2.6 | 2.5 | 3.0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Paper and Allied Products | 17.7 | 17.4 | 17.4 | (d) | (d) | (d) | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Printing and Publishing | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.6 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Leather and Leather Products | 9.7 | 9.8 | 10.9 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| Footwear (except Rubber) | 8.1 | 8.2 | 9.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Other Nondurable Goods 3/ | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| Service Producing | 396.2 | 389.4 | 408.5 | 103.1 | 101.6 | 107.3 | 28.4 | 28.2 | 29.2 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | 21.4 | 21.5 | 22.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.4 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Wholesale Trade | 23.9 | 23.7 | 25.2 | 8.9 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Retail Trade | 103.1 | 98.2 | 108.7 | 27.3 | 26.4 | 28.1 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.9 |
| Food Stores | 19.0 | 18.6 | 19.1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Eating and Drinking Places | 33.6 | 29.4 | 35.4 | 8.7 | 7.9 | 8.4 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Finance, Insurance and Real Estate | 25.1 | 24.7 | 25.1 | 12.4 | 12.3 | 12.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| Banking | 10.0 | 10.0 | 10.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Insurance Carriers, Brokers and Agents | 10.8 | 10.8 | 10.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Services | 127.7 | 125.9 | 128.1 | 31.5 | 31.2 | 34.3 | 10.7 | 10.7 | 11.0 |
| Hotels and Other Lodging Places | 8.3 | 6.9 | 9.0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Business Services | 15.1 | 14.4 | 14.4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Health Services | 45.3 | 45.1 | 44.8 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Federal Government | 17.8 | 17.8 | 20.3 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| State and Local Government 4/ | 77.2 | 77.6 | 79.0 | 14.0 | 13.8 | 14.1 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.1 |
| Involved in Labor-Management Disputes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

1/ Employment figures relate to full- and part-time wage and salary workers in pay periods including the 12th of the month. Domestic workers in private households, proprietors, self-employed, and unpaid family workers are excluded. 2/ Includes Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes: Statewide - 25, 32, 38, 39; Portland - 24, 25, 32, 33, 34, 37, 38, 39. 3/ Includes SIC codes: Statewide - 28, 29; Portland - 20, 22, 23, 26, 30; Lewiston - 20, 22, 23, 26, 27. 4/ Regular teachers are included in summer months whether or not specifically paid in those months. n/a - data not available in sufficient detail for publication. * Less than 50. (d) Nondisclosure item. Source: Nonfarm wage and salary employment by place of work and earnings, and workweek of production workers in manufacturing industries are developed by the Maine Bureau of Employment Security in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

# Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

| AREA 1/ | LABOR FORCE 2/ This Month | LABOR FORCE 2/ Last Month | LABOR FORCE 2/ Year Ago | RESIDENT EMPLOYED This Month | RESIDENT EMPLOYED Last Month | RESIDENT EMPLOYED Year Ago | UNEMPLOYMENT Number This Month | UNEMPLOYMENT Number Last Month | UNEMPLOYMENT Number Year Ago | UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force This Month | UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Last Month | UNEMPLOYMENT Percent of Labor Force Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAINE-STATEWIDE (000) | 638.3 | 638.8 | 631.4 | 585.4 | 584.5 | 604.9 | 52.9 | 54.3 | 26.5 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 4.2 |
| MAJOR LABOR MARKETS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bangor MSA | 46,900 | 47,900 | 46,400 | 43,900 | 44,700 | 44,900 | 3,000 | 3,200 | 1,400 | 6.5 | 6.6 | 3.1 |
| Lewiston-Auburn MSA | 43,400 | 43,300 | 42,700 | 38,700 | 38,700 | 40,300 | 4,700 | 4,500 | 2,400 | 10.9 | 10.5 | 5.6 |
| Portland MSA | 131,100 | 130,800 | 133,400 | 123,000 | 122,800 | 129,600 | 8,100 | 8,000 | 3,900 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 2.9 |
| Portsmouth-Dover Rochester MSA | n/a | 142,600 | 140,800 | n/a | 135,000 | 135,400 | n/a | 7,600 | 5,400 | n/a | 5.3 | 3.8 |
| OTHER LABOR MARKETS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Augusta | 37,460 | 37,310 | 38,190 | 34,940 | 34,830 | 37,050 | 2,510 | 2,480 | 1,150 | 6.7 | 6.6 | 3.0 |
| Bath-Brunswick | 30,700 | 31,230 | 31,570 | 28,820 | 29,390 | 30,750 | 1,890 | 1,850 | 820 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 2.6 |
| Belfast | 12,920 | 12,920 | 12,400 | 11,410 | 11,240 | 11,640 | 1,510 | 1,680 | 770 | 11.7 | 13.0 | 6.2 |
| Biddeford | 28,810 | 28,900 | 29,180 | 25,910 | 26,190 | 27,940 | 2,900 | 2,710 | 1,240 | 10.1 | 9.4 | 4.2 |
| Boothbay Harbor-Wiscasset | 17,000 | 16,360 | 16,430 | 16,250 | 15,480 | 16,100 | 750 | 880 | 330 | 4.4 | 5.4 | 2.0 |
| Calais-Eastport | 15,300 | 15,470 | 14,810 | 13,370 | 13,190 | 13,580 | 1,940 | 2,280 | 1,230 | 12.6 | 14.7 | 8.3 |
| Caribou-Presque Isle | 23,230 | 22,680 | 21,340 | 20,700 | 20,360 | 20,140 | 2,530 | 2,320 | 1,200 | 10.9 | 10.2 | 5.6 |
| Central Penobscot | 3,240 | 3,160 | 3,090 | 2,930 | 2,780 | 2,930 | 310 | 380 | 150 | 9.6 | 11.9 | 4.9 |
| Dover-Foxcroft | 7,400 | 7,430 | 7,050 | 6,640 | 6,620 | 6,590 | 760 | 820 | 460 | 10.3 | 11.0 | 6.5 |
| Ellsworth | 26,630 | 26,450 | 25,860 | 24,770 | 24,130 | 24,800 | 1,860 | 2,320 | 1,060 | 7.0 | 8.8 | 4.1 |
| Farmington | 13,480 | 13,950 | 13,290 | 12,070 | 12,490 | 12,420 | 1,410 | 1,460 | 870 | 10.5 | 10.5 | 6.6 |
| Fort Kent-Allagash | 5,420 | 5,420 | 5,120 | 4,660 | 4,660 | 4,640 | 760 | 760 | 480 | 14.0 | 14.1 | 9.4 |
| Greenville | 1,300 | 1,250 | 1,280 | 1,160 | 1,060 | 1,160 | 140 | 190 | 120 | 10.8 | 15.1 | 9.5 |
| Houlton | 6,830 | 6,840 | 6,610 | 6,270 | 6,280 | 6,270 | 550 | 560 | 350 | 8.1 | 8.2 | 5.2 |
| Kittery-York 3/ | 29,950 | 30,080 | 30,180 | 28,900 | 28,760 | 29,630 | 1,050 | 1,320 | 560 | 3.5 | 4.4 | 1.8 |
| Lincoln-Howland | 5,680 | 5,630 | 5,410 | 4,910 | 4,840 | 5,050 | 770 | 790 | 360 | 13.6 | 14.1 | 6.6 |
| Livermore Falls | 5,210 | 5,220 | 4,890 | 4,670 | 4,630 | 4,610 | 540 | 590 | 270 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 5.6 |
| Madawaska-Van Buren | 4,210 | 4,240 | 4,020 | 3,800 | 3,750 | 3,720 | 420 | 490 | 300 | 9.8 | 11.6 | 7.4 |
| Millinocket-East Millinocket | 4,490 | 4,500 | 4,230 | 3,990 | 3,960 | 4,020 | 500 | 540 | 220 | 11.1 | 11.9 | 5.1 |
| Norway-Paris | 11,970 | 12,080 | 11,720 | 10,450 | 10,490 | 10,940 | 1,530 | 1,590 | 770 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 6.6 |
| Patten-Island Falls | 2,610 | 2,580 | 2,460 | 2,190 | 2,110 | 2,230 | 420 | 470 | 230 | 16.0 | 18.1 | 9.4 |
| Rockland | 19,930 | 19,680 | 19,870 | 18,330 | 17,990 | 18,900 | 1,600 | 1,700 | 970 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 4.9 |
| Rumford | 9,000 | 9,170 | 8,960 | 7,940 | 8,100 | 8,260 | 1,060 | 1,080 | 700 | 11.8 | 11.7 | 7.8 |
| Sanford | 17,010 | 17,220 | 16,700 | 15,230 | 15,490 | 15,830 | 1,780 | 1,730 | 870 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 5.2 |
| Sebago Lakes Region | 13,470 | 13,340 | 13,190 | 12,300 | 12,210 | 12,650 | 1,170 | 1,130 | 540 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 4.1 |
| Skowhegan | 24,840 | 24,750 | 23,700 | 21,990 | 21,830 | 22,320 | 2,840 | 2,920 | 1,380 | 11.5 | 11.8 | 5.8 |
| Southwest Penobscot | 11,800 | 11,950 | 10,950 | 10,280 | 10,400 | 10,320 | 1,520 | 1,550 | 630 | 12.9 | 13.0 | 5.7 |
| Waterville | 27,070 | 27,030 | 26,460 | 25,020 | 25,000 | 25,630 | 2,050 | 2,030 | 830 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 3.1 |
| OTHER NEW ENGLAND STATES (000) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Connecticut | n/a | 1,698.4 | 1,801.8 | n/a | 1,606.6 | 1,710.1 | n/a | 91.8 | 91.7 | n/a | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| Massachusetts | 3,124.0 | 3,111.4 | 3,190.4 | 2,836.0 | 2,851.8 | 3,027.5 | 288.0 | 259.6 | 163.0 | 9.2 | 8.3 | 5.1 |
| New Hampshire | n/a | 633.0 | 629.2 | n/a | 587.8 | 592.6 | n/a | 45.2 | 36.6 | n/a | 7.1 | 5.8 |
| Rhode Island | 513.0 | 512.9 | 519.6 | 472.1 | 470.9 | 481.4 | 40.9 | 42.0 | 38.2 | 8.0 | 8.2 | 7.3 |
| Vermont | 300.5 | 301.6 | 311.4 | 279.5 | 279.5 | 298.1 | 21.0 | 22.1 | 13.3 | 7.0 | 7.3 | 4.3 |
| NEW ENGLAND STATES (000) | n/a | 6,896.1 | 7,083.8 | n/a | 6,381.1 | 6,714.6 | n/a | 515.0 | 369.3 | n/a | 7.5 | 5.2 |
| UNITED STATES (000) | 124,857 | 124,727 | 124,640 | 116,624 | 116,678 | 118,277 | 8,233 | 8,049 | 6,363 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 5.1 |

Footnotes

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are by place of residence and are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each labor market area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from the Current Population Survey estimates for the state. All data exclude members of the Armed Forces. Data are rounded for publishing purposes. Employment and unemployment may not add to labor force due to rounding. MSA - Metropolitan Statistical Area. n/a indicates that the information was not available at the time of printing.

2/ Current figures preliminary; last month and year ago figures revised.

3/ Kittery-York is the eight-town Maine portion of the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester MSA which includes towns in both Maine and New Hampshire.

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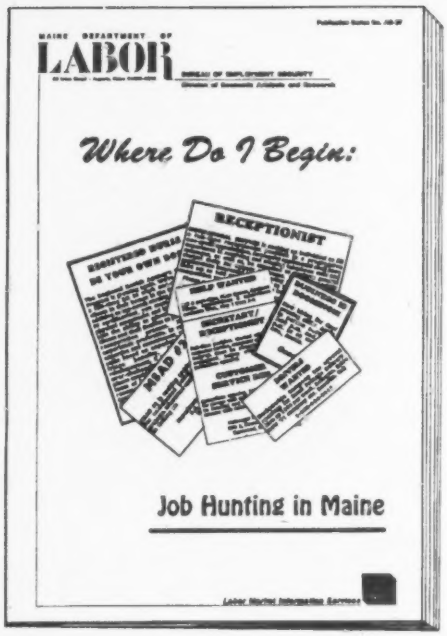
# Mid-Month Insured Unemployment

| ITEM | STATEWIDE This Month | STATEWIDE Last Month | STATEWIDE Year Ago | PORTLAND MSA This Month | PORTLAND MSA Last Month | PORTLAND MSA Year Ago | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA This Month | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Last Month | LEWISTON-AUBURN MSA Year Ago |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of continued-week claimants* | 21,974 | 29,617 | 13,179 | 3,736 | 4,550 | 1,974 | 2,027 | 2,533 | 1,275 |

Continued-week claimants are less partials for week including the 12th of the month.

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